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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Northeast Cooperative Research Partners Program (NCRPP)  
Industry Based Survey Pilot Project Peer Review

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Attached please find both the Agenda and "Terms of Reference" for the upcoming NCRPP Industry Based Survey pilot project peer review scheduled for August 29–31, 2006.

The three day meeting will have two distinct components, with the first 2 days focused on the peer review of the IBS pilot projects and the final day exploring potential integration of the IBS model with the many survey like research activities underway in the region. The program review will be facilitated by a moderator to be identified at a later date, while the integration initiatives discussion will be moderated by Earl Meredith of the Northeast Regional Office.

Day 1 will be devoted to presentations of the two IBS projects by the Principal Investigators, with comment and question periods focused on the Terms of Reference and presented largely by the panel members. Day 2 will focus on panel questions and project reviews, again discussions will be directed at addressing the Terms of Reference. The panel will be afforded time in the morning to review information from Day 1 and focus discussion topics, and again in the afternoon to begin drafting the review report if warranted.

The final day of the meeting will focus on strategic planning for regional activities including the existing IBS program, possible new IBS initiatives, integration of the IBS model with other nearshore survey activities etc. This discussion will be open to all participants. We would be happy receive talking points from all interested parties prior to the meeting.